# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

A.A.R.P., et al., on their own behalf and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Case 1:25-cv-00059-H

Petitioners-Plaintiffs,

v

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as President of the United States, *et al.*,

Respondents-Defendants.

# UNOPPOSED MOTION TO INTERVENE FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF SEEKING AMENDMENT TO THE ORDER GRANTING THE PSEUDONYM MOTION

- 1. AARP respectfully submits this motion to intervene for the limited purpose of seeking an amendment to the Order (ECF No. 9) granting the Motion to Proceed Under Pseudonyms filed by Petitioners-Plaintiffs A.A.R.P. and W.M.M. on April 16, 2025. (ECF No. 4, the "Pseudonym Motion").
- 2. AARP is a nonprofit and nonpartisan 501(c)(4) organization that advocates for older Americans in a variety of political, social, and economic contexts. AARP has no connection to "A.A.R.P.," the initials of one of the Plaintiff-Petitioners.
- 3. This action was commenced on April 16, 2025, on behalf of two Petitioners-Plaintiffs by the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation and ACLU Foundation of Texas

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See https://www.aarp.org/.

(together, the "ACLU"). This is an immigration case involving the Alien Enemies Act and federal habeas corpus.

- 4. The Pseudonym Motion asked the Court to permit Petitioners-Plaintiffs to use their initials rather than their full names "because the complaint, declarations, and subsequent filings will contain highly sensitive and personal information about [their] immigration status [which] . . . might subject them to retaliatory removal from the United States[.]" (ECF No. 4 at 1). This Court granted the motion (ECF No. 9), and the current short form caption of the case is "A.A.R.P. et al. v. Donald J. Trump et al." on various public websites, including the ACLU's website.<sup>2</sup>
- 5. Unsurprisingly, this litigation has already received attention from the press and social media. It will surely continue to do so. AARP is concerned that the nomenclature adopted by the caption of this case will create substantial confusion among journalists and the public. Indeed, in the 72 hours since the litigation was filed, it has already resulted in numerous misplaced inquiries to AARP. Both the ACLU and AARP are prominent advocacy organizations on federal policies, albeit in very different domains.
- 6. Given this context, AARP seeks leave to intervene in this action for the limited purpose of seeking an amendment to the Order granting the Pseudonym Motion as it was presented by the ACLU. AARP asks the Court to amend its order so that (1) the Petitioners-Plaintiffs in the caption are ordered with W.M.M. appearing first, so that the short citation of the case name will be "W.M.M. et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al." and (2) change the abbreviation for "A.A.R.P." to "A.R.P."
- 7. These modest changes will cause no burden to Petitioners-Plaintiffs (who will remain anonymous), nor to the Government.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See https://www.aclu.org/cases/aarp-v-trump.

8. The undersigned counsel for AARP engaged in good faith correspondence with counsel for the ACLU. Following telephonic discussions, the ACLU has informed AARP that it **does not oppose** AARP's request. Counsel for the Defendant is also unopposed.

9. To be clear, AARP takes absolutely no position regarding the subject matter of this litigation, nor Petitioners-Plaintiffs' right to proceed under pseudonyms. AARP's sole interest in this litigation is to avoid confusion that will likely burden both the ACLU and AARP, along with their respective memberships and the public.

Dated: April 19, 2025

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# **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to LR 7.1(a), counsel for AARP, Brian Farkas, conferred with counsel for the ACLU, who informed him that the ACLU is unopposed to the relief requested in this Motion. The undersigned conferred with George Padis, counsel for the Defendant, who is also unopposed to the relief requested in this Motion.

/s/ Jennifer S. Freel

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On April 19, 2025, I hereby certify that I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will serve the following attorneys of record via its notification system.

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